

NEWS FROM THE NEST



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We acknowledge that the land on which our school sits and on which we gather each day is a part of the traditional territory of the Chippewa, Odawa, Potawatomi and Delaware Nations. These Indigenous Nations, known as the Anishinaabeg and Lunaapeew, agreed through their ancestral languages to the mutual sharing of the land, with obligations and responsibilities to the environment.

November 2022

From Mrs. Byatt-Millington

Hello Falcon Families!

November is here and there are great things happening at TAPS. Student athletics are well underway, and we are representing our school in both local and District events. The Student Leadership Team is hard at work planning activities for the student body to engage in. We are looking forward to hosting families later this month to discuss Progress Reports and Initial Observations.

Progress Reports

The Elementary Progress Reports for students in Grades 1-6 will go home on Friday, November 11th. The Kindergarten Initial Observations for our Full Day Kindergarten students will also go home on this day.

The Progress Report and Initial Observations shows a student's development of the learning skills and work habits during the fall of the school year, as well as a student's general progress in working towards the curriculum expectations in all subjects.

Family-Teacher-Student conferences will occur on November 17th from 4:00— 7:30 pm and on November 18th from 9:00 – 12:00. Families will receive an invitation to select a day and time that is convenient for them through the email on file at the school. The sign up will also be posted on our social media sites. During the Conference, families will be invited to learn more about their child's progress at school.

Conferences are only 10 minutes in length so if you feel that further discussion about your child's progress is necessary, please contact your child's teacher and arrange a mutually agreeable time for a more in-depth conversation.

Wreath Sales

We are currently selling wreaths from Sloan's Nursery in Bothwell, just in time to enhance your winter decorating!

The wreaths come in 3 sizes and will be delivered to the school for pick up. They are made from a mix of fresh greenery and smell and look beautiful. You can decorate them up or leave them as is.

Orders are due to the office by Monday, November 7 (either paper copies or through School Cash Online) and wreaths can be picked up at the school on December 6 (in the Small Gym).

Money raised will be used in the Student Trust Fund, which is used to subsidize field trips, purchase equipment for student use and provide opportunities for our students.

Remembrance Day

We will be holding a Remembrance Day Service, at the school, on Friday, November 11th beginning at 10:30 am. Students will be leading and presenting at the service and parents, family members and community members are welcome to attend.

Poppies have been provided by the Royal Canadian Legion and will be given to students on the morning of November 11th. We will be collecting donations for the Legion's Poppy Fund that day – whatever you wish to give will be welcomed and appreciated.

Hot Lunches

Our offerings of hot lunches are well underway. The first pizza day of the year was held last week, and everything went perfectly. Moving forward through the year, the plan is to offer the following:

- Pizza – orders sent out for 2-3 months at a time – next order form comes home mid-November
- Harvest Fresh – also sent out 2 months at a time – next order form is out now
- Subway – each month we'll offer an opportunity to purchase sandwiches from Subway

Money raised through hot lunch sales goes into the Student Trust Fund, which is used to subsidize field trips and purchase equipment for student use.

School Climate Survey

Every 2 years, school boards in Ontario are required to complete a School Climate Survey to gather information from students, staff and families that allow us to plan for a supporting, safe and welcoming school environments. A summary of the results for Tilbury Area Public School can be found at the bottom of this newsletters.

These results are used in staff meetings, School Improvement Team meetings and School Council meetings as the start of our discussions about creating the best learning environment for our students.

School Council

While we met in person, several parents have asked to have a virtual option as well. For all future meetings, this will be made available. If you would like to join virtually, please contact the office and your email address will be added to the list of members.

Our next meeting will be Monday, November 14th at 6:30 pm in the Learning Commons.

Sports Update

Cross Country – Our Falcons had a great showing at the Conference Meet in Blenheim. We sent 18 runners, who all displayed great determination as everyone finished the course. From there, we had 3 runners qualify for the District Meet in Sarnia. This course was much more challenging, and our runners faced it with a can-do attitude. Congratulations to all our runners for representing TAPS so well and a big thank you to Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Burk for coaching.

Volleyball – Sr. Volleyball begins this month with our teams facing off in their first league games. Both teams have been practicing hard to get ready for the upcoming season. Many thanks to Mrs. Bolohan, Mr. Cobb and Mr. Munroe for coaching.

Student Leadership

Our Student Leadership Team enjoyed planning and hosting their first event – a popcorn/movie afternoon and a dance for our Grade 6-8's. They meet each week and are planning more activities for the upcoming weeks. In December, the Team is developing a school wide challenge to help the Tilbury Kinsmen with their annual Toy and Food Drive – stay tuned for what this will look like!

Bus Cancellations – Zone 7

During the fall we might experience some heavy fog in which there could be the potential for bus cancellations. During the fall season, when there are bus cancellations due to fog, busses will not run in the morning but will run in the afternoon.

TAPS is in ZONE 7.

To check for any bus cancellations during the school year, please tune into the local radio stations or check the school's social media feeds.

COVID Protocols

Currently, the LKDSB continues to take direction from and follow the advice of the CK Medical Officer of Health, the Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Education.

While many protocols and guidelines have eased up, we are still encouraging families to do the following to keep our building and our people as safe as can be:

- Stay home if feeling sick (to determine when to return to school, feel free to continue to use the School Screener for guidance - [Covid School Screener](#))
- Practice good hand hygiene – soap or sanitizer
- Practice coughing/sneezing into your elbow, not your hands
- Do not share items that touch the mouth (water bottles, lip balm for example)

As everyone has their own level of comfort with being in public, we encourage all our staff and students to respect the choices of others. What is good for one family's health, may be different from another's.

DATES TO REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER

November 6 – Daylight Savings Ends

November 11 – Remembrance Day – Service at 10:30

November 11 – Progress Reports/Communication of Learning Sent Home

November 17/18 – Student Conferences

November 18 – PA Day (no school)

November 25 – Picture Retakes

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School Climate Survey Grade 4-6 Wellness Results

The Lambton Kent District School Board conducted a School Climate Survey April 1-12, 2021 to gather input from students in Grades 4-12, parents/guardians and staff to help with planning programs and decision-making related to supporting safe and inclusive school environments. The following is an overview of the results for Grades 4-6. Contact your school for more detailed information.

TILBURY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL

84

Students responded to the survey



93%

Feel their school is welcoming



83%



Know how to access school mental health or emotional supports

BOARD DATA

81%

Feel their school is welcoming

64%

Feel a sense of belonging at school most of the time

82%

Have once caring adult at school they trust

65%

Would ask for help with mental/emotional health issues at school



83%

Happy with life

77%

Feel a sense of belonging at school

92%

Have one caring adult at school they trust



85%

Know how to report bullying

96%

Have one close friend they trust

72%

Would ask for help with mental/emotional health issues at school



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School Climate Survey Grade 7-8 Wellness Results

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TILBURY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL

69

Students responded to the survey



71%

Feel their school is welcoming



55%



Know how to access school mental health or emotional supports

72%

Feel their school is welcoming

63%

Feel a sense of belonging at school most of the time

70%

Have one caring adult at school they trust

41%

Would ask for help with mental/emotional health issues at school



74%

Happy with life

64%

Feel a sense of belonging at school

73%

Have one caring adult at school they trust



75%

Know how to report bullying

92%

Have one close friend they trust

49%

Would ask for help with mental/emotional health issues at school



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PARENT/CAREGIVER INFORMATION NIGHT
For ALL LKDSB Elementary Schools

READY FOR GRADE 9?

*An Overview of the Grade 8 to 9 Transition for
Students with an IEP*

Hosted by:

Heather Touzin

Secondary Student Support and Well-Being Coordinator LKDSB

MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING
TUESDAY NOV. 22ND

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

PLEASE EMAIL Heather.Touzin@lkdsb.net for an invite
to the online MS TEAMS Meeting

